REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Abe et al (2003/0122759). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abe.

By this amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to clearly set forth that the contrast and brightness setting values are used in the process of insuring that actual panel current does not exceed a selected maximum value. See Fig. 3, Block 22 and page 5, lines 10-15 and page 7, lines 4-5. Applicants believe that it is important to take these setting values into consideration. Abe is not concerned nor does he provide any motivation for the use of these setting values. As noted in the last response to the Examiner, Abe is directed to a passive-matrix cold-cathode device and provides no information concerning using these settings. See Fig. 26 of Abe in which the ABL circuit does not receive any setting values. Applicants believe that the subject of claim 1 provides an improvement in insuring that the actual panel current does not exceed a maximum value. This is important in OLED devices where too much current can damage the OLED elements, in that it would accelerate their aging. Claim 1 does require the use of OLED elements in an active matrix OLED display panel. All the remaining claims depend upon claim 1 and should be allowed along with it for the reasons set forth above. Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner indicated that claims 5 and 6 contained allowable subject matter.

It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed none of the references, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

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